

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: H01J 37/32, 37/317, 37/09, 37/20, 37/30, C23C 14/48, 14/50, 14/20, C08J 3/28, A61M 1/10, 1/12

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI: +contact+, a61m-001/10/ic, a61m-001/12/ic, attract+, blood, bombard+, c08j-003/28/ic, c23c-014/20/ic, c23c-014/48/ic, c23c-014/50/ic, coat+, conductive, draw+, electric, electrode, even, evenly, expose, gas, grid, grill?, h01j-037/09/ic, h01j-037/20/ic, h01j-037/30/ic, h01j-037/317/ic, h01j-037/32/ic, immersion, impeller, implant+, ion, ion?, mesh, mesh+, modif+, mount+, net+, oscillat+, pi3, piii, plasma, potential, process+, pump, rotat+, screen, screen?, screen+, shield+, spread, stage, support, support+, surface, treat+, treat+, tumbl+, volt+, voltage, web+,

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,335,268 B1 (MURZIN et al.) 1 January 2002.	
Y	The whole document.	1, 3, 5-6, 9-10, 12-14
		7, 8, 15, 16
X	US 4,863,576 A (COLLINS et al.) 5 September 1989.	
Y	The whole document.	1-3, 6, 9-10, 13-14
		7,8,15,16
Y	US 6,504,307 B1 (MALIK et al.) 7 January 2003.	
	The whole document.	7, 8, 15, 16



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A	US 5,003,178 A (LIVESAY) 26 March 1991. The whole document.	
A	US 6,087,615 A (SCHORK et al.) 11 July 2000. The whole document.	
A	CA 2,249,157 A (INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE) 1 April 2000. The whole document.	
A	US 4,764,394 A (CONRAD) 16 August 1998. The whole document.	
A	US 5,558,718 (LEUNG) 24 September 1996. The whole document.	
	<u>Note in relation to the "Y" indications:</u> Either US 6335268 B1 or US 4863576 A may be combined with US 6504307 B1.	

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Information on patent family members

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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member		
US	6335268	US	6055928	
US	4863576	NONE		
US	6504307	NONE		
US	2001046566	US	2003116090	
US	5003178	EP	0395752	WO 9005990
US	6087615	DE	19618734	DE 19700856 EP 0876677
		WO	9727613	
CA	2249157	NONE		
US	4764394	NONE		
US	5558718	NONE		
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